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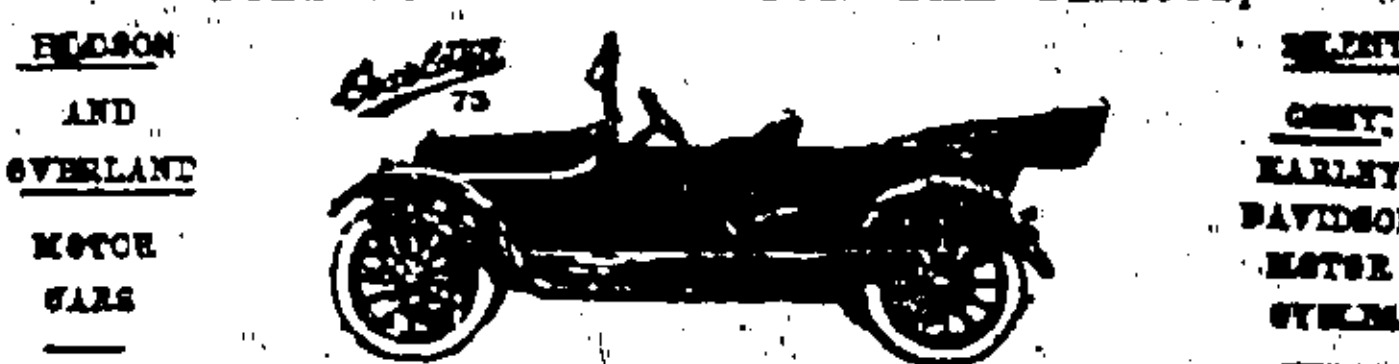
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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### TITANTIC STRUGGLE IN FLANDERS.

WHOLE BATTALIONS OF THE  
ENEMY MASSACRED.

LONDON, Aug. 13.

It is impossible to realise, from the  
communications the tremendousness of the  
battle which is proceeding in Flanders.  
The latest accounts of correspondents  
confirm that this is the most Titanic  
struggle of the war.

Mr. Phillip Gibbs, after emphasising  
the greatness of the enemy's  
artillery, which, however, is not so  
great as ours, says that the whole  
countryside is ablaze with fire and  
smoke, especially round about Glencorse  
Wood, Inverness Copse, Stirling Castle  
and Frezenberg, where a perfect hell  
fire rages. Successive heavy enemy  
waves which counter-attacked at these  
places on Saturday, were smashed to  
pieces. When our men were consolidat-  
ing the positions at Westhoek Ridge,  
on Saturday, they had to call for  
further help from the gunners. Sim-  
ultaneously, aeroplanes signalled a  
great gathering of Germans at Nun's  
Wood and Polygon Wood. The calls  
were answered by large groups of  
batteries of guns from fifteen-inch  
downwards, across a big stretch of  
country miles deep. The Germans,  
with rifles at the slope and weighted  
with bombs and trenchspades, fell in  
heaps. One of our airmen subsequently  
reported that he had never seen so  
many dead.

This is only one of many such  
slaughters. Here is another.—The  
gunners received a report that the Ger-  
mans were assembling in the Valley of  
Hanebeke. Two battalions advanced into  
the open before our guns found them;  
then, when the storm broke upon them,  
they tried to escape by running or  
throwing themselves down or plunging  
into shell craters; but not many escaped  
and whole ranks were blown to bits.

The enemy cannot evade such  
slaughter because these bits of high  
ground we are capturing guard the  
vital centres. He simply must fight  
and defend them with his full weight  
of men and guns. His fire, last Friday  
and Saturday, was the greatest our  
men have faced.

Later reports show that in the  
counter-attacks on the Westhoek  
positions the Germans did not all die  
of shell fire. The Lancashire Fusiliers  
and the North Lancs Regiment, fired  
their rifles all day on Friday and Satur-  
day at human targets which they could  
not miss. German reserves were hurried  
up to relieve the shattered battalions  
and were flung straight into the counter-  
attacks. They often wandered into the  
open in full kit, ignorant of our where-  
abouts. The rifle here reasserted its old  
prominence and whole battalions were  
massacred.

After referring to the big enemy  
efforts to dispute our air superiority,  
Mr. Gibbs concludes:—"The enemy is  
all out it seems, and wishes to make  
this battle the decisive one of the war,  
do not see how he can win after the  
loss of the Pilkem and Westhoek Ridges  
but he is out to kill, regardless of his  
own losses."

#### FRENCH REPULSE ATTACKS.

LONDON, Aug. 13.

A French communiqué states:—  
The artillery was most active  
between Cerny and Cmonne, notably  
on the sector to the south of Ailles,  
where a German attack on the  
trenches we captured on August 11  
was repulsed with heavy enemy  
losses, and without result.  
Two enemy surprise attacks, at  
Boule-Caurieres and Bezohveux,  
failed under our fire.

Two enemy aeroplanes and a cap-  
tive balloon were brought down and  
three other aeroplanes were forced  
to land, severely damaged.

#### "NOTHING SPECIAL."

LONDON, Aug. 13.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
states there is nothing special to  
report.

#### THE AIR RAID.

TWO ENEMY MACHINES  
DESTROYED.

LONDON, Aug. 13.

The Admiralty announces that a  
hostile aeroplane of the Gotha type  
was destroyed during its return to  
the Belgian coast, and a hostile sea-  
plane was destroyed off the coast of  
Flanders.

A large number of naval machines  
indiscreetly engaged the raiders over  
the sea.

The pilot who destroyed the Gotha  
machine, first pursued the enemy at  
an altitude of 12,000 feet, from the  
North Foreland to within fifteen  
miles off Zebrugge where he lost the  
enemy. Returning to the mouth of  
the Thames, he observed the anti-  
aircraft gun-fire at Southend. He  
flew there and, climbing, observed  
eight Gotha machines followed by  
four British machines, steering to  
the north-east. He climbed up to  
18,000 feet and attacked, but with-  
out result: going thirty miles out to  
sea. Simultaneously, he observed a  
hostile machine 4,000 feet below the  
enemy formation. He attacked and  
drove down the enemy to the water,  
the hostile machine turning over  
with one of its occupants hanging to  
its tail, and to whom the British  
pilot threw a lifebelt.

#### THE ENEMY ADVANCE IN RUMANIA.

LONDON, Aug. 13.

The communiqué do not confirm  
the report that General Mackensen's  
offensive against Rumania is slacken-  
ing. The battle to the north of  
Focsani has now lasted six days, in  
which the Rumanians, despite the  
stoutest resistance against superior  
numbers, have been driven back five  
miles. By their retirement towards  
Marasesti, the Rumanians have pre-  
sumably lost control of the loop line  
between Tecuciu and Marasesti  
which connects with the main line  
to the north of Focsani.

General Mackensen is now sixteen  
miles from Adjulul. On the retre-  
tion of this position by the  
Rumanians, the safety of General  
Stitcherbatcheff's army, in the Trotus  
Valley, largely depends, for if  
Adjulul is lost, the railway up the  
Trotus Valley would be useless and  
General Sticherbatcheff would be  
compelled to fall back.

(Continued on Page 6.)

#### GERMAN PRISONERS BECOMING RICH IN JAPAN.

CAPT. WALDECK'S SAVINGS.

The vernacular papers never weary of  
talks of "narikin" or "Nouveaux Riches"  
who spring up here and there like  
mushrooms after a shower in the days  
of the remarkable industrial boom. To  
say nothing of these shipping and mining  
parvenus, who have become now too  
common, there have been springing up a  
number of minor war millionaires such  
as been narikin, glass narikin, paper  
narikin and what not, but now the ver-  
nacular papers come to report the  
appearance of a handful of queer pri-  
soners at Fukuoka. They are said to be  
German prisoners detained at the  
Tingtau prisoner camp there. The  
"Matsichi" says that the German pri-  
soners there save every month part of  
their salaries, the average amount, per  
man having already reached the sum  
of 1,500 yen. It is added that Captain  
Waldeck, former commander of the  
Tingtau garrison, is very thrifty, saving  
100 yen out of his monthly salary, and  
his deposits now amount to 12,000 yen.  
Hence he is called a "narikin" among  
German prisoners. (Japan Mail.)



## INTIMATIONS

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY LIMITED.

MESSRS. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE  
have this day been appointed  
GENERAL AGENTS of the above  
Company for Fire Insurance for Hong-  
kong and China.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
C. H. P. HAY,  
per pro. General Manager.  
Hongkong, August 9, 1917. 2017

THE HONGKONG STEEL FOUNDRY  
CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the above Company, will  
be held at the Company's Office, 57  
GORDON STREET, HONGKONG, on  
WEDNESDAY, August 15th, 1917, at  
11.30 A.M. for the purpose of presenting  
the Report of the General Managers,  
and Statement of Accounts to May 31st,  
1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
August 6th to 15th, 1917, both days  
inclusive.

GORDON & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 4, 1917. 2013

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE  
No. 1 HONGKONG V.A.D.

AN examination on "First Aid"  
will be held by DR. MAULEAN  
GIBSON at the Helena May Institute  
on THURSDAY, 16th instant at 10 A.M.  
W. WILKINSON,  
Acting Adjutant & Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 10, 1917. 2025

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Hongkong, August 13, 1917. 2030

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DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
an INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$2.50  
per share will be paid to all Shareholders  
on the Company's Register at 30th  
September, 1917.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1917. 2031

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the  
Half Year ending 30th June, 1917,  
at the rate of Two Pounds three shillings  
Sterling per share, is payable on and  
after MONDAY the 13th day of August,  
Current, at the Offices of the Corporation,  
where Shareholders are requested  
to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
N. J. STARR,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 11, 1917. 2028

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-  
FACTURING CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of ONE  
DOLLAR (\$1.00) per share for  
account 1917, will be payable on  
FRIDAY, the 24th August, 1917. Share-  
holders are requested to apply for  
Dividend Warrants at the Company's  
Office, 57 Gordon Street, Hongkong.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
MONDAY, the 20th August, 1917, to  
FRIDAY, 24th August, 1917, both days  
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 10, 1917. 2026

HONGKONG ICE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

IN ACCORDANCE with the Provisions  
of No. 111 of the Articles of Associa-  
tion the General Managers have this day  
declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for  
the half year ended 30th June, 1917, of  
TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be  
obtained on application at the Office of  
the Company on and after TUESDAY,  
the 14th instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from the  
10th to 20th instant, BOTH DAYS  
inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 10, 1917. 2024

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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## PATHWAYS IN THE WAR.

## LORD MONTAGU ON THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT.

## DUTIES OF AERIAL POLICE.

LONDON, June 21.

Speaking last night before the Aero-  
nautical Society of Great Britain on "The  
World's Air Routes and their Regula-  
tion," Lord Montagu of Beaulieu gave an  
interesting outline of a scheme for the  
control of flying after the war.

"There were many signs," he said, "that  
an effort would be made by all the  
civilized nations to develop postal and  
commercial communication by means of  
the air. So far as international law was  
at present concerned, there could be no  
private or national rights in the air over  
the sea beyond the three-mile limit; but  
national air rights presumably existed  
over the land of any nation, and in the  
case of countries with a seaboard there  
must be added the fringe of the three-mile  
limit round the coast. The position of  
the British Empire in this respect was  
particularly favourable. Our widely  
separated possessions would enable our air  
traffic round the world, over land and sea,  
to proceed without having to ask for con-  
cessions from other nations. "There was a  
chain of Imperial landing-places south-  
ward and eastward from Gibraltar  
towards the Cape, to Egypt, India, and  
Australia, while the nearest points  
between the North American Continent  
and Europe, the West Coast of Ireland  
and the East Coast of Newfoundland,  
were also both within the Empire."

After pointing out that, owing to wind  
currents it was unlikely that straight-line  
routes between place and place would be  
those ordinarily followed, and that owing  
to questions of landing places and exact  
meteorological knowledge the first great  
world routes to be regularly organized  
would probably be those over land, Lord  
Montagu gave time-tables for the various  
stages of journeys from England to India  
and back by alternative routes. The out-  
ward journey Croydon to Karachi would  
be by way of Marseilles, Naples, the West  
Coast of Crete, Alexandria, Jeddah, Bagdad,  
and Baku. Allowing for two  
five-hour periods of flying every day of  
600 miles each, at 120 miles an hour,  
with a rest each night and a change of  
pilot at defined stages, he calculated that  
this journey of 4,500 miles would be  
made in 80 hours, of which 60 would  
represent actual flying time. Leaving  
Croydon at 7 a.m., the passenger would  
arrive at Karachi at 6.30 p.m. three days  
later. The return journey from Peshawar  
to London would be by way of Bokhara,

Gurief (Caspian Sea), Laganak, Tarnopol,  
and Leipzig; total distance, 3,800  
miles; total time on journey, 50 hours;  
actual flying time, 30 hours. As the  
fastest average time by railway and boat  
to India before the war was 14 to 15 days,  
the saving by air would amount to at  
least 11 days, while in the case of Australia  
there would be a saving of 20 or 24  
days out of the 60 now occupied by the  
journey.

## A PRIVATE AIR LEVEL.

Lord Montagu suggested that slow speed  
planes should use the lower levels of the  
air, and high speed planes the upper  
levels. The first 2,000ft. from the surface  
of the ground should be prohibited to air  
traffic in general but should be usable by  
the private owner of the soil if he desired,  
and for the purpose of descending to his  
own landing or to intermediate safety  
landing-places. This private level would  
meet the claim of the owners and  
occupiers of houses and land to be secured  
some privacy from nuisances arising from  
air traffic. Above it would be the com-  
mercial level, ranging from 2,000ft. to  
4,000ft., and usable only by licensed  
planes with a maximum speed of 80 miles  
an hour. Next would come a similar zone  
for general air traffic and fast commercial  
flying. From 6,000ft. to 10,000ft.  
the levels would be reserved for the official  
planes of each nation. They would be  
used by its naval, military, and civil  
forces, and by police planes, for air police  
would be needed. Specially authorized  
pilots and perhaps postal services would  
also use these levels. At 10,000ft.  
the air would be internationalized.  
It would be free to all, provided  
pilots complied with certain rules  
for meeting and overtaking and their  
craft were passed as "airworthy," say,  
registered as A. 1 in a Lloyd's aerial  
register. Aircraft desiring to leave their  
own levels would, of course, use their  
wireless to ask permission from national  
or international flying authorities. Control  
of the various levels could only be  
exercised by police pilots on fast planes  
above the ordinary traffic, whence they  
could descend on breakers of the laws of  
the air and take their numbers or compel  
them to alight. "All planes would be  
lettered and numbered. Official planes  
would be marked with their national  
colours, private planes would be white,  
and commercial planes red.

"To secure law and order on overseas  
routes would be more difficult. It would  
probably be found necessary to define the  
paths to be followed within, say, certain  
degrees of longitude and latitude, and  
here again international control would be  
required backed by an international air  
police. Lord Montagu went on to suggest  
means of defining routes and guiding air  
traffic by night and by day, and discussed  
some of the problems of weather and  
wind. He added: "Nations are spending  
millions of money upon the development  
of flying, and thousands of brave men  
have sacrificed their lives, both in fighting  
and experimental work. The great  
development of flying produced by this  
war will mean that in a few years from  
now the human race will navigate the air  
with ease, speed, and safety."

## EDITH CAVELL'S LAST LETTER.

Thoughts of life were stronger than  
those of death in Edith Cavell's last hours  
on earth. Her anxieties were directed  
toward the future welfare of a young  
girl friend afflicted with an appetite for  
drugs. A letter written to this girl on  
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that I can ask or think, and he loves  
you so much better than I. I do  
earnestly beseech you to try and live as  
I would have had you live. Nothing  
matters when one comes to this last  
hour but a clear conscience before God,  
and life looks so wasted and full of  
wrongdoing and things left undone.  
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will be cared for. Don't mind how hard  
it is to do for my sake, and then try  
and find something useful to do, something  
to make you forget yourself while making  
others happy.

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over you and love you and wait for you  
on the other side. Be sure to get ready  
for them. I was so to know I was  
neither afraid nor unhappy, but quite  
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sometimes; it has been a great grief to  
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tion of a similar claim. The latter claim,  
it may be said, is seen in statements  
imputed to rather than quoted from the  
English by various German writers,  
chiefly pastors or professors, since the war  
began. These are collected with many  
other "Gems of German Thought" into  
a volume by this name, edited by Mr.  
William Archer. Practically all his  
quotations are taken from books and  
pamphlets, in reference to which he gives  
chapter and verse; so that their authen-  
ticity is beyond question. He tells us  
in his preface that he "doubts whether  
the literature of the world can show a  
parallel to the amazing outburst of tribal  
arrogance, unrestrained and unashamed,  
of which these pages contain but a few  
scattered specimens." "Few contem-  
porary German names of much distinction  
are absent" from the list—Wilamowitz-  
Mollendorf, Hamack, Wundt, Oetken,  
Koecker, Haeckel, Naumann, Rohrbach,  
Sombart, Liebt—all join with a will in  
the chorus of arrogance, ambition, and  
hate. "One of the writers quoted is Mr.  
Houston Stewart Chamberlain, who,  
indeed, though of English birth, has  
been adopted into the German nation, and  
become almost more German than the  
Germans themselves. "He who does not  
believe in the divine mission of Ger-  
many," he says in Mr. Archer's quotation  
from his "Confidence" (Die Zuversicht,  
1915) "had better hang himself, and  
rather to-day than to-morrow." There  
are many other contributors to the thesis  
that the Germans have a divine calling  
and election; a few are selected to show  
the general trend of all:

"Now we understand why the other  
nations pursue us with their hatred; they  
do not understand us, but they are  
sensible of our enormous spiritual  
superiority. So the Jews were hated in  
antiquity, because they were the repre-  
sentatives of God on earth—Prof. W.  
Sombart, "Handel und Geld," p. 142  
(Hucksters and Hoaxes).

"God has in Luther practically chosen  
the German people, and that can never  
be altered, for it is not written in Romans  
xi, 29. 'For the gifts and calling of God  
are without repentance.'—Dr. Preuss,  
quoted in 'Hurrah and Hallelujah,' p.  
228, by J. P. Bang.

"In a footnote Mr. Archer writes:—  
'The same author explains that of  
course the German people have not in  
themselves deserved this calling; it pro-  
ceeds from the sheer grace of God; so we  
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"There is a Gospel saying which bursts  
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ing and takes new wings in the storm of  
the world-war, a saying which we may  
well take as the consecration of our Ger-  
man mission.—'Ye are the salt of the  
earth; ye are the light of the world.'—  
Prof. A. Deissmann, 'Deutsche Reden in  
Schweizer Zeit,' p. 24 ('German Speeches  
in Difficult Days').

"It is no foolish overvaluation of our-  
selves, no aggressive arrogance, no want  
of humility, when we more and more let  
Dietrich's faith prevail within us; that  
God has taken the German nation under  
his special care, or, in any case, has some  
special purpose in view for it.—On the  
German God,' by Pastor W. Lehmann,  
quoted in 'Hurrah and Hallelujah,' p.  
80.

"As heralds of God's will, messengers  
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world which has become poor and  
desolate.—'War Devotions,' by Pastor J.  
Rump, quoted in 'Hurrah and Hal-  
lujah,' p. 128.

"When these storms have done their  
work, Germany's purer mission begins:  
to become a place of refuge, a holy grave  
for all the seekers of the earth, a central  
land, a land of wisdom, a land of morals.  
—F. Fienhardt, quoted in 'Hurrah and  
Hallelujah,' p. 51.

"God's people will come forth from  
this war strengthened and crowned with  
victory, because they stand on the side  
of God; but all God's adversaries will  
find out that God will not be mocked,  
and that he rules the history of the  
nations, according to his will.—'War  
Devotions,' by Pastor J. Rump, quoted  
in 'Hurrah and Hallelujah,' p. 134.

"We hope that a great mission will be  
allotted to us Germans.—... and this  
German mission is: to look after the  
world (zu sorgen für die Welt).—Is it  
vanity in the disguise of a moral ideal?  
No, no, and again no.—Pastor G. Traub,  
'Der Krieg und die Seele,' p. 235 (The  
War and the Soul).

"Friedrich Nietzsche was but the last  
of the singers and seers who, coming  
down from the height of heaven, brought  
to us the tidings that there should be  
born from us the Son of God, whom in  
his language he called the Superman.—  
Prof. W. Sombart, 'Handel und Geld,'  
p. 52.

"Verily the Bible is our book.  
It was given and assigned to us, and we  
read in it the original text of our destiny,  
which proclaims to mankind salvation or  
disaster—according as we will it.—'War  
Devotions,' by Pastor J. Rump, quoted in  
'Hurrah and Hallelujah,' p. 134.

"We want to become a world-people.  
Let us remind ourselves that the belief  
in our mission as a world-people has  
arisen from our originally purely spiritual  
impulse to absorb the world into our-  
selves.—Prof. F. Meisner, 'Die Deutsche  
Erhebung von 1914,' p. 47 ('The German  
Uprising of 1914').

"Germany is the centre of God's plans  
for the world.—On the German God,' by  
Pastor W. Lehmann, quoted in 'Hurrah  
and Hallelujah,' p. 78.

"That any other modern nation should  
make a claim to being 'chosen' seems  
preposterous to the German. Mr. Archer  
can nowhere find such a claim uttered by  
an English writer, yet the imputation  
frequently occurs among German  
apologists. One English quotation occurs  
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shockingly immoral watchword of British  
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is nothing to the German pamphleteer  
that the maxim is American, and  
that it is never quoted in England—  
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—except in a spirit of irony." These are  
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or less complete dependence.—Prof. W. S.  
Wilamowitz-Mollendorf, 'Reden,' pt. iv.  
(Speeches), p. 19.

"Strange as it may appear to us, it is  
nevertheless unquestionable that all Eng-  
land has from of old been penetrated with  
the idea that her attainment of uncon-  
tested colonial and maritime power was  
not only to her interest but to that of the  
whole world, the dominion over which  
God had himself assigned to her, and that  
therefore all means to this beneficent end  
were permissible and well-pleasing to  
God.—J. Rießer, 'England und Wir,' p.  
10 ('England and We').

"Just because the English found their  
national feeling on the consciousness of  
their 'cultural' successes, and the belief  
that they alone are God's chosen people  
on earth, every desire of other peoples  
to assert equality of rights appears to their  
self-conceit an offence against the will of  
God.—Prof. A. Schroer, 'Zur Charakteri-  
sierung der Engländer,' p. 31 ('English  
Characteristics').

"Many of the best, most unselfish, and  
most modest Englishmen pray to God in  
all good faith that he would at last open  
the eyes of the 'German' people, and  
especially of the German Emperor, that  
they may see how wrong and even sinful  
it is to place any further hindrance in  
the way of the expansion of the Kingdom  
of God on earth by his chosen people."

"That is to say, the English themselves.—  
Prof. A. Schroer, 'English Characteristics,'  
p. 12.

"Our duty to ourselves, and to our  
English fellow creatures—since we would  
fain be not an imaginary 'chosen people'  
but true children of God—is to give them  
such a thorough thrashing that they may  
once and for all be cured of the fatal  
illusion that they have established a  
monopoly in the dear Lord God, and that  
the rest of humanity is destined only to  
serve as a stool for their clumsy feet.—  
Prof. A. Schroer, 'English Characteristics,'  
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shirts, 64 vests, 31 pairs of pyjamas,  
1 pair of slippers, 13 pairs of socks, 3 pairs  
of bed boots, 18 scrubbers, 1 night shirt,  
11 surgical shirts, 6 dressing gowns, 42  
shrouds, 72 handkerchiefs, 2 cushions,  
188 milk covers, 11 caps, 18 pairs of  
operation stockings, 2 mufflers, playing  
cards.

July 19th, 3 cases to Colonel Gordon  
Hall, Cairo, containing:—7 dressing  
gowns, 39 bed jackets, 88 shirts, 42  
vests, 33 night shirts, 14 shrouds, 7 hand-  
kerchiefs, 6 pairs of socks, 30 pairs of operation  
stockings, 9 pairs of slippers, 4 pairs  
of bed boots, 11 caps, 144 milk covers, 3  
head bandages, 18 eye bandages, 18 pil-  
low covers, 12 scrubbers, 4 surgical  
shirts, 2 pairs of bed boots, 13 muf-  
flers, 20 scrubbers, 2 dressing gowns, 41  
bed jackets.

WOMANLY CHURCH WORKING PARTY  
(under Mrs. Robinson):—504 rolled  
bandages, 39 pairs of surgical stockings,  
12 woolen caps, 29 mufflers, 22 vests, 6  
pairs of pyjamas, 99 shirts, 72 hand-  
kerchiefs.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE (under Mrs.  
Jordan):—702 rolled bandages, 9 many  
tail bandages, 504 swabs, 36 large swabs,  
18 shell swabs, 18 folded swabs, 7 pairs  
of surgical stockings, 14 pairs of socks,  
10 hand bandages, 4 scrubbers, 11 anti-  
vermin sheets, 1 woolen cap.

"OUR LITTLE BIT SOCIETY" (under Mrs.  
Green):—July 12th to Matron, Hospital  
Auxiliaire, 112 Honfleur, France, 16  
pairs stretcher boots, 5 pillows, 90 suits  
pyjamas, 34 eye bandages, 73 milk covers,  
9 floor cloths, 129 milk covers, 120 pairs  
pyjamas, 18 pairs of socks, 18 pairs of  
pyjamas, 11 mufflers, 13 face cloths, 12  
knighted floor cloths, 14 pairs white woolen  
bed socks, 11 white woolen abdominal belts,  
3 pairs mittens, 10 pairs socks, 41 bags  
swabs, 24 pairs white woolen bed socks,  
1 lot books and magazines.

July 26th to Hon. Sec. Queen Mary's  
Needlework Guild, 2 Cavendish Square,  
London, W.—480 rolled bandages, 40  
suits pyjamas, 38 many tail bandages, 12  
khaki handkerchiefs, 2 face cloths, 4  
cakes soap, 6 tins cigarettes, 14 pairs  
stretcher boots, 12 white woolen caps, 2  
bags swabs, 14 khaki woolen caps, 5  
pairs woolen knee caps, 3 pairs woolen  
mittens, 12 woolen, 12 knitted  
floor cloths, 14 pairs white woolen bed  
socks, 1 lot magazines and playing cards.

July 26th to Matron, Stationary Hos-  
pital, Jemshod, Sinal-Penninsula:—70  
suits pyjamas, 80 pairs cloth slippers, 76  
milk covers, 3 fly traps.

July 26th to M. D. Mc L. Slater,  
Powell's Hotel, Murree, Punjab, India,  
for Wagristam Field Force, 40 pairs  
socks and 250 milk covers.

U.S.R.C. BRANCH, Kowloon (under  
Mrs. Keirwan):—1,178 rolled bandages,  
22 capeline bandages, 39 stump band-  
ages, 14 eye bandages, 27 many tail  
bandages, 301 square swabs, 300 pairs  
swabs, 21 shrouds, 10 wool caps, 6 surgical  
stockings (pairs), 9 wool socks (pairs),  
16 mops, 48 scrubbers, 4 mufflers.

PRAX CLUB (under Mrs. Sandeman):—  
492 rolled bandages, 684 swabs, 66 many  
tail bandages, 6 floor cloths.

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK PARTY (under  
Mrs. Macdonald):—1 case sent to  
Senior Medical Officer, Amarah, Mesopotamia,  
584 rolled bandages, 34 many  
tail bandages, 10 eye bandages, 53  
pyjama suits, 9 pairs surgical stockings,  
9 wool caps, 36 handkerchiefs, 10 pillow  
slips, 6 scrubbers, 1 pair slippers, 1  
pencil game, 3 fly catchers.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (under  
Miss Lourenco):—52 pairs bed socks,  
11 pairs socks, 13 pairs knee caps, 6 caps,  
7 mufflers, 2 Balacava helmets, 1 knitted  
hot water bag covers, 58 knitted dusters,  
1 pair gloves, 44 food covers, 2 cushions,  
2,046 rolled bandages.

KOWLOON, UNITY WORKERS (under  
Mrs. Capell):—

To Miss Vivian, The Maurice Hostel,  
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4 parcels containing 98 pieces old clothes  
for women and children.

To Mrs. Leffroy, Vice-President, S.S.  
F.A. Hoxton branch, The Maurice Hos-  
tel, Britannia St., London E., 3 parcels  
containing: 46 pieces old clothes for  
women and children.

To Miss Tucker—Soldiers and Sailors  
Help Society, The Institute, Mansfield,  
London E. 2 parcels containing: 33  
pieces men's old clothes.

NAVAL & DOCKYARD (under Mrs. Sande-  
man):—6 pyjamas, 18 shirts, 31 vests, 23  
pairs socks, 6 pairs slippers, 2 caps, 1  
pair surgical stockings, 44 mops, 3 muf-  
flers, 9 eye bandages, 12 knee caps.

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### SATURDAY,

the 18th August, 1917, at 10.45 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,  
A few lots of BURMA CHEROOTS  
And  
EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES.  
Terms—As usual.  
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Towels, Bath Sheets, Quilts, Pillow  
Cases, Counterpanes, Blankets, Ladies'  
Dresses, Lengths, Ladies' Underwear,  
Handkerchiefs.  
A few lots of Kinkosan Tea Sets in  
case, Kinkosan Vases, Japanese Tea Sets,  
(Large and Small), Brass Jardinières,  
Brass Finger Bowls, Vases, Electric  
Lamps, Rose Bowls, Flower Vases,  
Gent's Walking Sticks, and several  
dozen bottles of Florida Water.  
Terms—Cash.  
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## THE CALENDAR.

### MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

H.K. Tramway Co.'s Dividend due.  
11 a.m.—Auction of Confiscated and  
Sequestered Goods and Gold and  
Silver Jewellery at the Central  
Police Station.  
11.30 a.m.—H.K. Steel Foundry Co's  
Meeting.

### General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, August 16:—  
10 a.m.—St. John's Ambulance Brigade  
(H.K. V.A.D.) Examination at the  
Helena May Institute.  
12.15 p.m.—British Traders' Insurance  
Co.'s Extraordinary Meeting.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture,  
Curtains, Pictures, Pianos, etc. at  
Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
3 p.m.—Auction of "The Arabian  
Nights Entertainments" at Messrs.  
Hughes and Hough's.

TUESDAY, August 14:—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, etc., at No. 3, Wood Road,  
Wanchai.  
Hongkong Ice Co's. interim dividend  
due.

FRIDAY, August 24:—  
Hongkong Rope Co's. interim dividend  
due.

MONDAY, August 17:—  
Noon.—Auction of Kowloon Island  
Lot No. 203 at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's  
Sales Rooms.

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must figure in history as verily the  
ATILLA of the Huns of the Twentieth  
Century.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Hongkong Tramway Co.'s  
interim dividend is payable to-morrow.

The Police Reserve Band is giving  
another concert at North Point on the  
night of Saturday, 1st. prox.

The Hongkong Police Reserve  
have been invited to attend the third  
anniversary of the formation of the  
Macao Volunteer Corps.

The opening rate this morning was  
29.55 16 demand, an eighth above yes-  
terday's closing rate. This afternoon  
there was no further change.

The Hongkong Steel Foundry  
Company Ltd. holds its seventh  
yearly meeting of shareholders  
in the Company's office at 11.30 a.m.  
to-morrow.

The sale of the library edition, in  
12 volumes, of "The Arabian Nights  
Entertainments," advertised by Messrs.  
Hughes and Hough for to-day, has been  
postponed till Thursday afternoon next.

At a St. Andrew's Society meeting  
at Singapore, on Aug. 1, Mr. F. Adam,  
who presided, mentioned those members  
killed at the front during the year.  
Messrs. Fowle, Cuthbert and Stephen-  
son. Funds collected during the year  
would be devoted to the relief of those  
fighting. It was decided to invest  
\$2,000, in the War Loan and send  
\$2,000 to Edinburgh for the use of  
Scottish soldiers. It was decided to  
send a congratulatory message to Sir  
Douglas Haig as a celebration of St.  
Andrew's Day.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Commissioner and Mrs. F. de L.  
Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army,  
have just made a brief stay at Peking  
on their way to London.

The engagement is announced of  
Mr. D. Sharpin, Penang manager of the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to Miss  
Doris Campbell, sister of Mrs. C. M.  
Henderson.

The loss in the war of another  
member of the Singapore Bar is  
announced. News has reached Singapore  
that Capt. C. R. A. Beckett Terrell,  
R.H.A., of the firm of Messrs. Drew and  
Napier, was killed in action on June  
10th. He is the fourth member of the  
Singapore Bar to meet his death in the  
war.

His Excellency, Monsieur Paul  
May, new Belgian Minister to China,  
who reached Peking last Saturday  
evening by special train, courteously  
put at his disposal by the Administration,  
was formerly accredited to Mexico.  
For the time being, owing to travel  
difficulties, his wife and four children  
are remaining in London.—"N.C.D.M."

Singapore papers announce the  
sudden death of Mr. W. Ryan, of the  
Chinese Protectorate, following a strain  
which resulted in the bursting of a blood  
vessel. Death occurred at Christmas  
Island on the 19th ult. Mr. Ryan, who  
was 41 years of age, had been with the  
Protectorate ever since he was a boy  
and went down to Christmas Island as an  
interpreter. He was a sergeant bugler  
of the Singapore Volunteer Corps. His  
widow and three children have just  
arrived in Singapore.

Mr. P. A. Huffman, managing  
proprietor of the *Bangkok Daily Mail*,  
who for several months before Siam's  
declaration of war strongly advocated  
this course in his paper, has been the  
recipient of an interesting token of  
goodwill from the King of Siam. On  
the day of the declaration he received a  
signed portrait of His Majesty bearing  
the following inscription in the King's  
own hand: "To P. A. Huffman, in  
appreciation of services rendered at a  
critical time. Rama VI." Mr. Huffman  
is an American. His support of the  
Allied cause is not a thing of recent  
days, however, but dates from the first  
outbreak of war.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS

[The "Chinese Mail" Service.]  
ALLIED LOAN TO CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.  
The Allied Ministers have met at the  
French Legation and discussed the  
question of how to assist China after  
she has declared war.

As a result of this meeting it was  
decided to advance \$10,000,000 under  
the big loan, and the Japanese Minister  
was elected as representative to inform  
the Premier, in person.

The Premier has decided to issue the  
formal proclamation of war within  
three days. It will be issued as a  
military proclamation and will be sealed  
with the Generalissimo's seal.

The Cabinet has decided that if the  
First Navy Squadron refuses to obey  
the Central Government's orders in  
future, the Government will instruct the  
Governors of Chekiang and Fukien to  
send an expedition against them.

## THE LOAN TO THE COMMUNICA- TIONS BANK.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.  
Under the Communications Bank  
Loan agreement, Japanese have the  
right to become shareholders and di-  
rectors and bank officers.

PEKING, Aug. 13.  
A special meeting of the Cabinet will  
be held today to decide the question  
of war.

The declaration of war will probably  
be announced this evening or to-morrow.

## THE CIVIL GOVERNORSHIP OF CANTON.

PEKING, Aug. 13.  
It is reported that Chan Ping Kwan  
has recommended Li Yin Bon as Civil  
Governor of Canton.

## THE TYPHOON.

### DAMAGE TO CRAFT IN THE MONGKOKSUI REFUGE.

During yesterday's storm the  
steam launch *Wing Ching* was cap-  
sized whilst lying alongside the  
Lee Kee Wharf in the Yaumati  
typhoon shelter. The damage she  
sustained is estimated at \$2,000.

The s.s. *Yu Lee* and the s.s. *Tai  
Loi*, whilst lying inside the shelter  
were also damaged as a result of the  
storm. The former steamer's damage  
is estimated at \$500 and the latter's  
at \$80.

Six coolie-boats, whilst inside the  
shelter, were totally wrecked. The  
damage ranges from \$85 to \$170.  
The Police launch *Apache*, which  
was also inside the shelter, dragged  
her moorings and was washed up  
onto the Quay.

Owing to the interruption of tele-  
graphic communication no definite  
news is available of what became of  
the typhoon, but the Director of the  
Observatory report states that local  
observations indicate that the  
typhoon passed close to the north  
of the Colony between 11 a.m. and  
noon yesterday.

To-day's Observatory report states  
that from the few returns available  
it would appear that the typhoon  
exists as a depression over S.W.  
China, filling up rapidly.

The typhoon gave to the Colony  
a further 6.30 inches of rain, so that  
the total rainfall for the year (69.49  
inches) now stands at more than 10  
inches above the average.

## THE WAR ANNIVERSARY.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE EAST.

In Singapore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur,  
Rangoon, and other places in the East  
it has been the custom to hold public  
meetings on August 4th, in connection  
with the anniversary of the war. At  
Singapore the following resolution was  
passed unanimously:—

"That on the third anniversary of  
the declaration of a righteous war, this  
meeting of the citizens of Singapore  
records its indelible determination to  
continue to a victorious end the struggle  
in maintenance of those ideals of  
liberty and justice which are the com-  
mon and sacred cause of the Allies."

H.E. The Governor (Sir Arthur  
Young) was present at the meeting,  
which was largely attended.

The resolutions passed at the other  
meetings referred to were in similar  
terms.

Mr. W. H. Trenchard, Davies, Man-  
ager for China of the Commercial  
Union Assurance Co., Ltd., has left  
Shanghai for Australia on a health trip.  
Mr. E. L. G. Arnold has been appointed  
Acting Manager for China of the Com-  
pany.

## THE CAINE ROAD COLLAPSE.

### THE CORONER'S INQUEST RESUMED.

The Coroner's inquest on one of the  
victims of the collapse of a retaining  
wall at St. Joseph's College, which was  
adjourned a week ago owing to the  
illness of Mr. A. Colbourne Little, the  
architect who was superintending certain  
work being done at the playground of  
the College, was resumed this afternoon.

Mr. Little stated that the work on the  
playground was begun early this year.  
He visited the playground before the  
work commenced, and he examined the  
retaining wall in 1916. He then con-  
sidered it safe. When he saw the wall  
this year it appeared to be in the same  
condition. The playground, however,  
required resurfacing, and he undertook  
to supervise this work, but not the wall.

The witness, in fact, never examined  
the wall. Whilst the work on the  
playground was being done under the  
witness's supervision he had nothing to  
do with the employing of the contractor.  
Witness had not obtained permission  
from the Building Authority to do the  
work on the playground. This work  
was "being done for the purpose  
of raising the middle line of the play  
ground, running north and south. The  
material used for the work was mostly  
loose rubble. Witness visited the play-  
ground shortly after the collapse of the  
wall. On Saturday last he inspected  
the ruins of the wall and came to the  
conclusion that the building of the  
upper wall had been scamped. The  
foundations of the wall had been  
built too narrow. It should have been  
built two feet wider.

At this point the witness examined  
the plan of the playground and wall  
put in by the Crown Solicitor and  
pronounced it to be incorrect.

His Worship called upon Mr. Wright  
for an explanation and the latter ad-  
mitted that the plan was merely a  
sketch plan.

Witness then asked permission to  
put in an accurate plan, drafted last  
Saturday, and his application was  
granted.

The comparison of the P. W. D. plan  
with the plan put in by the witness  
disclosed a difference of two feet at the  
base of the wall.

Witness, continuing his evidence,  
said that it did not appear to him as  
if the foundations of the wall were laid  
in solid ground, but were merely placed  
on brown earth. Furthermore, the  
wall was not built of square  
stones. In his opinion the lower  
wall had collapsed first as it was not  
strong enough for the purpose it was  
intended for. It made no difference  
how well the upper wall was  
constructed as it was the lower wall  
which collapsed. Witness thought at  
the time that the wall was strong  
enough to resist the extra weight he  
added on it as filling in did not effect  
the thrust on the wall, for the reason  
that it was eight feet away from the  
wall.

His Worship then read the opinions  
expressed by the architects who had  
previously given evidence and asked the  
witness if he wished to comment on  
them.

Witness remarked that he did not  
think that the water which had collected  
at the back of the wall as the result of  
heavy rains was entirely responsible for  
its collapse.

The inquest was adjourned until  
to-morrow to enable the jury to view  
the scene of the collapse.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Mr. Wood this morning fined a  
Chinese merchant \$1,500, with the  
alternative of six months' hard labour,  
on the charge of being in the possession  
of 22 taels of opium other than Govern-  
ment opium.

Inspector Brazil stated that the  
defendant was arrested by a Chinese  
police constable whilst boarding the s.s.  
*Kinshai*, at the Canton steamboat  
Wharf, with the contraband opium  
concealed on his person.

A casualty list dated July 12  
contains the name of Brigadier-General  
A. B. Hubback (of the Malay States)  
wounded.

The Harbour Master at Canton has  
issued a notification that from the 16th  
inst. the new typhoon warning symbols  
in use in Hongkong will be substituted  
for the symbols hitherto in use. These  
signals will give the warnings received  
by telegraph from Hongkong. The  
repetition of the signals at Canton will  
be dependent on the telegraph wire  
being in working order.

## SUMMARY COURT.

### CLAIM AGAINST AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

The case in which the Yung Fong  
firm claims from the Shanghai Fire and  
Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., the sum of  
\$300 under a policy dated March 8  
1916, insuring the plaintiff's house, in  
Kongmoon, which was destroyed by fire  
on April 20, was resumed before Mr.  
Justice Gompertz this morning.

A clerk in the Insurance Company  
gave evidence as to issuing the policy  
to the Company's agents in Kongmoon,  
and also as to the commission paid to  
the agents. In reply to Mr. Alabaster,  
for the plaintiff, witness stated that  
the usual commission of 5 per cent. was  
paid on the policy in question.

In reply to his Lordship witness  
stated that his Company did not ask  
an agent for a report on the property  
to be insured provided such agent was  
well known to the Company. The  
Company knew the agent in the present  
case, but had not done any insurance  
business with him before. The agent  
was not asked to report on the  
property because he was a reliable  
man. He had no connection with  
the Company—he was merely an agent  
or a broker.

Mr. Eldon Potter then commenced  
to address his Lordship, when he was  
interrupted by Mr. Alabaster, who stated  
that he was not aware that Counsel for  
the defendant was going to address his  
Lordship. He intended to call rebut-  
ting evidence.

The Manager of the Kongmoon  
Electric Works was then recalled.  
He said he knew Choy, the policeman,  
who had given evidence. He had paid  
him certain sums for special police  
protection. Choy was at that time,  
about a year before the fire, either  
a clerk or an inspector, he was  
subsequently promoted to superin-  
tendant of police. Choy had advised  
him to leave Kongmoon as trouble was  
brewing, but witness said he could not  
leave as he had a lakh's worth of  
property to look after. He did not see  
Choy after that.

In reply to Mr. Potter the witness  
stated that he took an interest in this  
case because he thought it was not  
right that the insurance money should  
not be paid. He knew there were a  
number of other companies, that  
had, not paid on other fires in  
Kongmoon at that time. He  
denied that he had brought all the  
witnesses for the plaintiff to give  
evidence. He only knew one of the  
witnesses. No questions put to the  
witnesses had been put under his  
instructions.

Mr. Potter, addressing his Lordship,  
said that in the light of the contempor-  
aneous events, he submitted that the  
story put forward by the plaintiff as to  
the origin of the fire was, to say the  
least, highly artificial. What were these  
events? The province of Kwangtung was  
in a state of rebellion. Fighting was  
going on between the people's soldiers  
and the troops of General Lung. So  
fierce was the fighting, they were told  
by one of the witnesses, that the country  
around Kwangtung was devastated. The  
character of the fighting was also made  
clear from a leading article, that ap-  
peared in one of the Kongmoon papers,  
which story was adopted by the witness  
for the plaintiff, the Manager of the  
Electrical Company, and that paper  
gives a very picturesque description of  
what they would expect to happen,  
and it was exactly what had happened.  
Those were the contemporaneous events  
of the fighting, not only in Kwangtung  
province, but in the very street where  
the fire took place. There, in the Sung  
On Fong, where the fire took place,  
they had some of the very bitterest  
fighting, the last stronghold of the  
rebel troops, from which they were  
finally driven out by Lupp's soldiers.  
He suggested that the plaintiff's story  
of the lamp in the barber's shop as being  
the cause of the burning of all those  
houses, on the face of those facts, was  
highly artificial. The story of the  
plaintiff was not consistent with  
those facts, but he submitted that  
the story of the defendant showing  
that the fire was caused by the facts.  
He pointed out that it had been shown  
that the partition in the barber's shop  
could not have been set on fire so  
quickly by the lamp, if the table was in  
the middle of the room, as had been  
shown to have been the case, in the  
evidence. He also pointed out that  
the barber, who gave the evidence, had  
admitted that his shop was insured by  
the Mitau Bishi Kaisha, one of the  
largest firms of his kind, and that  
his claim had not been paid.  
Insurance Companies of that stand-  
ing did not, for the sake of a  
few paltry thousand dollars, object to  
pay claims unless they had bona fide  
reasons for not doing so. It would not

## COMPANY MEETING.

### THE HONGKONG COTTON, WEAVING & DYEING CO., LIMITED.

An Extraordinary General Meeting  
of the above Company was held yester-  
day at the office of Messrs Jardine  
Matheson and Co. at noon. Present—  
Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Sir Paul Chater  
C.M.G., Messrs F. Maitland, C. W.  
Beswick, Lo Cheung Shui, H. R. R.  
Hancock, D. W. Munton and the  
Liquidator, Mr. C. Bernard Brown.

Having read the notice convening  
the Meeting, the LIQUIDATOR said:—  
Gentlemen—I have practically nothing  
to add to the remarks made at the  
meeting in November, 1915. The report  
and accounts have been in your hands  
for some days and set out quite fully  
the principal events of the liquidation  
and the way in which the winding-up  
of the Company has been conducted.  
I regret the delay in concluding the  
final stages of the liquidation, but the  
amount of the second return of capital  
was of such insignificance that I do not  
expect anyone has been seriously  
inconvenienced by having had to  
wait eighteen months for it. You  
will see from the accounts, that  
in all the sum of \$19,741.58 has  
been paid into Court or to Companies  
Liquidation Account, the whole of  
which represents unclaimed balances.  
It was in the endeavour to augment  
the cash available for distribution by a  
portion of this amount that the delay  
in winding-up has occurred. The result,  
as stated in the Report, was unfavour-  
able to the Liquidator. I will  
now ask you to propose and second the  
first resolution after which I shall be  
glad to answer questions to the best of  
my ability.

There being no questions it was  
proposed by the Hon. Mr. ANTON and  
seconded by Mr. MATTIAND:—That the  
accounts submitted to this meeting and  
showing the manner in which the  
winding-up has been conducted and the  
property of the Company disposed of be  
received and adopted.

"The resolution was carried."  
It was proposed by Sir PAUL CHATER  
and seconded by Mr. MUNTON:—That  
a final return by the Liquidator of  
nine cents Hongkong currency per  
share to the persons who are registered  
as the members of the Company on the  
7th day of August 1917 be and the  
same hereby is sanctioned.

The Resolution was carried.  
It was proposed by Mr. HANCOCK  
and seconded by Mr. BESWICK:—

That the books, accounts and docu-  
ments of the Company and of the  
Liquidator thereof be retained by the  
said Liquidator, he undertaking to  
destroy the same at the expiration of  
five years from the dissolution of the  
Company.

The resolution was carried.  
The LIQUIDATOR:—That concludes  
the business of the meeting, Gentlemen,  
Thank you for your attendance.  
Cheques for the return of capital can be  
obtained from to-morrow at my office  
upon production of scrip.

## SIXTH TEMPLE.

### COLLECTION FOR WAR FUNDS.

A further collection was made at the  
Sixth Temple on Sunday on behalf of  
War Funds, when the following amounts  
were given:—

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| Mr. Mota Singh, Tung Wo wharf   | \$ 50.00 |
| Mr. Ojagar Singh, Motor-Car<br>Co. (in addition to previous<br>donations) | 10.00    |
| Mr. Ajnor Singh, Priesa, Sikh<br>temple                                   | 10.00    |
| Mr. Bhagat Singh, Sergeant<br>Major H. K. P.                              | 5.00     |
| Mr. Tainai Singh, A. S. Watson<br>& Co.                                   | 5.00     |
| Mr. Bhag Singh, 24, Fatah<br>Mr. Soran Singh, No 10 Kow-<br>loon Lock     | 5.00     |
| Mr. Sang Singh, Gas Co., Yaumati  | 5.00     |
| Mr. Gular Singh, Rope Works   | 5.00     |
| Mr. Bishan Singh, Rope Works  | 3.00     |
| Mr. Ojagar Singh, A. S. Watson<br>& Co.                                   | 3.00     |
| Mr. Dal Singh, Electric Co.,<br>Kowloon                                   | 2.00     |
| Mr. Hale Singh, Rope Factory  | 2.00     |
| Mr. Soran Singh, Telegraph  | 2.00     |
| Mr. Darbara Singh, A. S. Watson<br>& Co.                                  | 2.00     |
| Mr. Didar Singh, Rope Factory   | 2.00     |
| Mr. M.H. Singh, Cable house   | 1.00     |
| Mr. Baria Singh, H.K. Telegraph   | 1.00     |
| Mr. Boote Singh, Sze Yuk wharf  | 1.00     |
| Mr. Hazare Singh, Talkoo Sugar<br>Refinery                                | 1.00     |
| Collection on Sunday, Aug. 6th  | 383.00   |
| Total   | \$612.00 |

be a business proposition for Insurance  
Companies to do this. He did not  
suggest that the barber was an untruth-  
ful witness, but the facts were  
important.

After touching upon the evidence of  
Mr. Cobby, Mr. Potter proceeded to  
describe, and point out the discrepancies  
in the evidence of the witnesses for the  
plaintiff.  
Mr. Alabaster then briefly addressed  
his Lordship after which judgment  
was given for the defendant.















